

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Tenth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Tenth Worcester Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (447) of these admissions reside in the Tenth Worcester Representative District. 2.4% (11) of admissions from the Tenth Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Tenth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 76% were male and 24% were female.
- 68% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 83% were white non-Latino, 1% was black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 6% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 18% were married, and 19% reported not to be married now.
- 22% had less than high school education, 52% completed high school, and 26% had more than high school education.
- 43% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which they seek treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Tenth Worcester Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	48%	36%	7%	2%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003 Tenth Worcester Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	316	263	96	81	28	65	45
FY '96	321	263	113	81	37	67	41
FY '97	383	318	122	88	48	90	63
FY '98	350	291	151	107	26	90	55
FY '99	336	283	108	84	27	70	53
FY '00	362	298	125	90	44	119	103
FY '01	407	285	127	111	32	161	120
FY '02	489	334	142	113	52	231	177
FY '03	447	326	130	96	52	165	129